

Weather Forecast

Increasing cloudiness today, high in upper 80s. Occasional rain, cooler tonight and tomorrow. Low tonight about 62. (Full report on Page A-2.)

Midnight	70	8 a.m.	70	Noon	80
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6 a.m.	66	11 a.m.	78	2 p.m.	83

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Marshall Calls for Soviet Action Within U. N. to End Differences, Rules Out 2-Nation Conference

General Discussions Of Issues Are Futile, Secretary Declares

By Garnett D. Horner

Secretary of State Marshall said today that "what we want is action" from the Soviet government toward ending stalemate blocking peace, rather than futile general discussions.

Ruling out any effort to reach an overall settlement with the Russians through direct two-nation discussions, Gen. Marshall pointed to the United Nations and other established agencies as fields where action toward accord is possible if Russia desires it.

The Secretary told a news conference that he had nothing in mind at present in the way of any move to carry forward with Moscow a diplomatic exchange which raised apparently false hopes around the world for an early settlement of differences between the two major powers.

But he declared that, of course, the United States would be prepared to go ahead with other interested nations if the Soviet government should come forward with specific proposals for discussion.

Reads Prepared Statement.

Gen. Marshall read a prepared statement to his news conference in an attempt to clear up confusion over the recent exchange of statements between American Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith in Moscow and Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov.

The Moscow radio broadcast the exchange Monday night, emphasizing

Bidault Tells U. S. Big Powers' Accord Must Include France

By the Associated Press

PARIS, May 12.—Foreign Minister Georges Bidault told the cabinet today he had informed the United States that France believes any understanding among the powers requires her direct participation.

Pierre Avelin, cabinet spokesman, said the greater part of the cabinet meeting was devoted to Mr. Bidault's report on talks with American and British representatives yesterday. He said Mr. Bidault has no information on whether American and Soviet representatives will meet.

ing Mr. Molotov's agreement to what he apparently interpreted as a definite proposal for Soviet-American discussions looking toward settlement of their differences.

"Gen. Smith did not ask for any general discussion or negotiation," Gen. Marshall asserted. "We had a long and bitter experience with such efforts."

The Secretary declared that an effort to reach agreement through general discussions that failed or resulted in only more disputes would "do the world great harm." He added that "no effort should be made to continue such efforts."

"What we want is action in fields where action is possible and urgently necessary at the present time," Gen. Marshall asserted.

Stalemates Are Cited.

"I refer," he continued, "to matters before the Security Council and other United Nations bodies, such as the situation in Korea, questions before the Allied Control Council in Berlin and the Austrian treaty negotiations, where the utmost of difficulties have arisen and stalemates generally resulted."

More than 150 reporters, possibly the largest attendance at a State Department news conference since Gen. Marshall's first meeting with reporters after he became Secretary of State, crowded into the department's auditorium to question him on the latest development in Soviet-American relations.

In answering questions after reading his formal statement, Gen. Marshall said he had no idea whatever of initiating any bilateral general talks with the Soviet government which would affect only the two countries.

Asked if it now is up to the Soviet to take the initiative for any further moves along this line, the Secretary said it goes much deeper than that. He elaborated by quoting a portion of Mr. Molotov's reply to Ambassador Smith's statement, and indicated that he thought this might hold considerable hope for the future.

He pointed to Mr. Molotov's assertion that the Soviet government "has always pursued a policy of peaceableness and co-operation in

(See RUSSIA, Page A-6.)

Wilhelmina to Give Up Throne in September

By the Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands, May 12.—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands will abdicate toward the end of September in behalf of her daughter, Princess Juliana, the Queen announced in a radio broadcast tonight.

The Queen, 67, has been in poor health for months. Wilhelmina took a seven-week vacation from her royal office last fall and special legislation was drafted for Juliana to act as regent. Wilhelmina resumed her royal duties December 1.

A government announcement Saturday said she planned to yield powers for a second time next Friday, with Juliana again to serve as regent. At that time no details were given on the State of the Queen's health, but informed sources said there was no cause for alarm.

Dulles Supports U. N. Charter, Sees Red Opposition to Change

By J. A. O'Leary

John Foster Dulles, Republican authority on foreign affairs, expressed doubt today that Russia would agree to any basic revision of the United Nations Charter now, but predicted that like-minded nations can do much to promote peace by working together within the present Charter.

While Mr. Dulles was giving his views to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman Vandenberg called the Senate Foreign Relations Committee into closed session to consider a resolution by which the Senate would outline six steps for promoting peace by improving U. N. procedure.

Mr. Dulles' statement bristled with criticism of Russia's obstructionist tactics, and said the resolutions before the House committee

offer a sound approach. "Your committee should, however, understand—as no doubt you do—that the suggested program (to revise the Charter) will have to surmount many difficulties before it is realized," Mr. Dulles said, "and unless it is handled carefully it could destroy more than it created, or even precipitate the catastrophe it would avert."

In urging caution on revision, Mr. Dulles echoed the testimony last week of Secretary of State Marshall. Mr. Dulles appeared more enthusiastic, however, over the progress that could be made without changing the Charter. He closed with this recommendation:

"Progress at the universal level is bound to be slow. But it still must be attempted for only at that level can durable peace be created. But efforts at the universal level (See CHARTER, Page A-6.)

Only Communists Bar Tel Aviv Mayor Ready Way to World Peace, To Assume Control Bevin Tells Commons Over All-Arab Jaffa

No Settlement Possible Till Ground Is Cleared, Foreign Secretary Says

By the Associated Press

LONDON, May 12.—Foreign Secretary Bevin told Parliament today only the Communists are standing in the way of world peace.

"I am anxious for peace; anxious for a settlement with Soviet Russia," he said.

He added that there could be no settlement until "the ground has been cleared."

Mr. Bevin was replying to a question by Anthony Eden, wartime foreign secretary. Mr. Eden had asked whether he could make a statement about the American-Russian diplomatic exchange which the Moscow radio disclosed early yesterday.

Peace Hope Stirred.

The Russian pronouncement had raised hopes among officials and unofficial Europeans that Soviet willingness to talk things over with the United States was a hopeful sign for lasting peace. The general reaction was that there may be much to gain and little to lose by such talks, no matter whose idea it was.

Mr. Bevin earlier had been reported as slightly annoyed that he was not informed in advance of the exchange. He was said to have felt that even American Ambassador Lewis W. Douglas had no advance knowledge.

Mr. Bevin said "I have had too many failures" already in trying to reconcile the dispute between the West and East. He said that, before he could take part in any new attempt, "a good deal of preparatory work has to be done."

"There has to be a good deal of what I once called putting the cards on the table, face upward," Mr. Bevin told the House of Commons.

Communist Willie Gallacher asked: "Can you act independently of the United States and put a few cards on the table and then invite the Soviet to put down their cards?"

Mr. Bevin replied: "Why should I put all my cards down and the Soviet only two or three? I do not understand that."

An informed source said Mr. Douglas had assured Mr. Bevin that Britain will be kept informed if any

(See EUROPE, Page A-6.)

Showers May Follow Heat in High 80s Today

Washington's first real spell of summer weather continued today but the Weather Bureau said the heat probably would be broken by scattered showers tonight.

The thermometer was expected to rise to the upper 80s by afternoon. Yesterday's 90 degrees at 3:55 p.m. was the highest of the year.

With the showers tonight the temperature is expected to drop to 62. Tomorrow will be cloudy with occasional rain and not so warm, the Weather Bureau said.

Chrysler Strike Begins; State Law Invoked

Michigan Governor Lays Groundwork For Injunction

By the Associated Press

DETROIT, May 12.—The CIO United Auto Workers' 75,000 Chrysler Corp. employees struck today for a third round of post-war wage increases.

Gov. Kim Sigler immediately ordered a complaint against the strikers under Michigan's new Bonine-Tripp labor law.

The law requires that the State take a strike vote before workers can walk out. The CIO-UAW contends it does not apply when a firm has plants outside of Michigan.

Gov. Sigler told reporters he had asked the State Labor Mediation Board to make a complaint to Wayne County (Detroit) Prosecutor James McNally. Under the law, Mr. McNally then could ask a court injunction.

"Either the law is good or it isn't," Gov. Sigler said. "If it's constitutional, we might as well find out now."

Briggs to Lay Off 13,000.

Meanwhile, Briggs Manufacturing Co. said 13,000 workers in its six Detroit plants would be laid off by Monday because of the strike. Briggs supplies Chrysler with bodies.

Workers streamed from the Detroit area Chrysler plants quietly. A few sang. Many joined picket lines to bear placards reading:

"We are on the picket lines because we can't buy the things we need and 'My wife can't buy pork and beans on sympathy.'"

A flood of workers from the Dodge main plant jammed traffic for 20 minutes. Guards threw the main gates wide to allow the men and women to leave.

Food and sandwiches were waiting. Picket lines were being prepared to two hours before the strike deadline.

Within an hour all 12 Chrysler plants in Michigan were idle. There are three more in Indiana and one in California.

Picket Sees Long Strike.

Cal Moorehead, parading before the big Dodge main plant, told reporters "It looks like a long strike." "This will probably be tough," he added.

Picketing was quiet. Union headquarters said the first workers out were those at the Dodge truck plant. They jumped the gun by 30 minutes. The union already is raising a million-dollar "kitty" to finance the walkout. The Executive Board of the union met in special session as the strike began.

Negotiations broke down last night on the UAW's wage demands. The union scaled its 30-cent-an-hour demand down to 17 cents without success. The best company offer was 6 cents an hour.

First Chrysler Strike Since '39.

The Chrysler production workers in the 16 plants average about \$1.50 an hour now.

It was the auto industry's first major strike since November, 1945, when the UAW-CIO walked out at General Motors Corp. to begin a 113-day siege.

It was the first big strike at Chrysler since 1939.

Police Commissioner Harry Toy said he had been informed by the union that nonstriking office and maintenance help would be permitted to "go in and out as heretofore."

Norman Matthews head of the union's Chrysler division, told a UAW-CIO meeting last night that "since Chrysler has forced us into the position of striking, we will give them the damndest strike they have ever seen."

General Manager Herman L. Weckler of the corporation, said that, despite the strike, the company is "still willing to discuss the situation and to arrive at a reasonable settlement."

Negotiations had been underway (See AUTO WORKERS, Page A-3.)

60 Greek Rebels Killed

ATHENS, May 12 (AP)—A Greek communist said today 60 guerrillas were killed in the continued chase northwest of Grevena. Another 29 were captured there and 41 more in the mop-up in the Roumeli area, it said.

Judge, Rice and Werber to Umpire Bases

Joe Judge, Sam Rice and Bill Werber, all former major league baseball stars, were reported under congressional investigation today. They are suspected of voting.

New evidence of the inquiry leaked out today after the committee in charge of the Democratic-Republican baseball game at Griffith Stadium on May 21 announced they will umpire bases in the annual classic.

"The trouble is we can't find out which side they're on," said Representative Dick Richards, manager of the Democratic nine. "They may be Republicans, and we aren't going to tolerate more than nine Republicans on the field at one time. Nine's bad enough."

"It could be worse," said Manager C. W. (Runt) Bishop of the Republicans. "They may turn out to be Democrats, although I wouldn't want to accuse anybody of a thing like that. But if they are, we'll protest. With three Democrats umpiring, we couldn't get to first base."

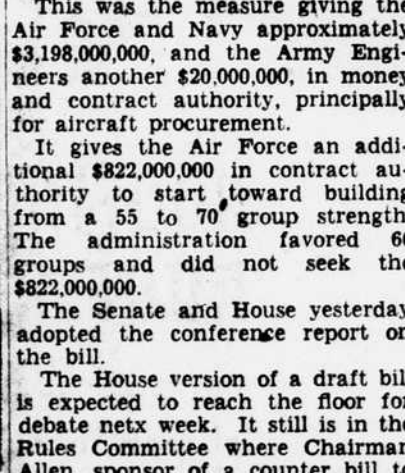
"Poppycock," snorted Mr. Richards. "The Republicans can't get to first anyway—in anything." The committee in charge of arrangements for the game stood fast on its decision to have the three diamond stars handle decisions on the bases, however. President Will Harridge of the American League has agreed to send one of his men to call balls



BILL WERBER.



SAM RICE.



JOE JUDGE.

Tickets for Ball Game On Sale in Star Lobby

Tickets for the Congressional baseball game at Griffith Stadium May 21 can be purchased in the lobby of The Evening Star Building.

The scale of prices is \$1 for general admission, \$1.25 for reserved seats and \$2 for box seats, tax included.

Those desiring to make reservations by mail should send checks made out to The Evening Star and address them to Congressional Ball Game, Room 724, The Evening Star Building.

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Saved . . . By the Watchman!

Rail Unions Awaiting Next Move by U. S. In Contract Dispute

Undecided on Fighting Injunction at Hearing Here Next Wednesday

By the Associated Press

Union members under a court order to keep the Nation's trains running for the Army are awaiting the Government's next move to settle their wage dispute.

When or in what form the move will come was not clear.

The Government has a full week of grace before the threat of nationwide railroad strike may arise again. During that week, the three unions involved must decide whether to fight the anti-strike injunction or simply leave the whole burden of proof up to Justice Department lawyers.

District Court Justice T. Alan Goldsborough, who averted yesterday's threatened walkout by issuing a temporary restraining order after the Government had seized the railroads, set a hearing for next Wednesday on whether the injunction should be made permanent.

M. W. Clement, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, said yesterday he believed the dispute would be settled before that date.

Advisory Board Named.

Brotherhood attorneys said today the union strategy decision has not yet been reached.

Meanwhile, Secretary of the Army Royall named a Union-Management Advisory Board to help him run the railroads under Government operation.

Those named were: Edward F. McGrady, New York, former Assistant Secretary of Labor and now chief of labor relations of the Radio Corp. of America. He served as consultant to the Secretary of War during World War II.

Harold C. Heiss, Cleveland, general counsel for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. William T. Joyner, Raleigh, N. C., division counsel for the Southern Railway.

Mr. Royall, emphasized in a statement, that the functions of the members of the board would be to assist him in carrying out the provisions of the President's executive order taking over operation of the railroads "in order that the transportation system shall be managed and operated under the terms and conditions of employment in effect at the time possession was taken under that order."

"It is not my function to enter into negotiations with either representatives of management or employees with respect to any changes (See RAILROADS, Page A-4.)

D. C. Heads Ask Congress for 2% Sales Tax

Unable to See Other Way to Meet Possible 13-Million Deficit

By Don S. Warren

Adoption of a 2 per cent retail sales tax as a means of meeting an impending city deficit that might range as high as \$13,000,000 was urged on Congress today by District officials and some civic spokesmen.

The Commissioners, testifying before the Joint House-Subcommittee of the House and Senate District Committees, said they could find no other adequate means of meeting the District's revenue problems for the next year and warned that a large backlog of needs still remain to be met in future years.

They coupled with proposals for the sales tax a recommendation for repeal of the present personal income tax, after next year, with a suggestion that a new income levy be enacted which would exempt incomes up to \$14,000.

Higher Federal Payment Asked.

The Commissioners also declared there should be a higher Federal payment toward District expenses because the prospective pay raise for Government workers would increase Federal income tax payments from the District while at the same time adding heavily to city operation costs.

The position of the Commissioners was supported in general by Maj. Gen. David McCoach, speaking for the Board of Trade, which has been urging adoption of a sales tax. The trade body is asking repeal of income tax levy as of next January 1.

Budget Officer Walter L. Fowler brought in figures to show that the possibility of solving the District's financial problems through enactment of the sales tax measure depends largely on what Congress does about increasing the salaries of municipal employees. Several Government pay increase measures now are under consideration at the Capitol.

If a \$450-a-year raise becomes effective next July 1, Mr. Fowler said, the sales tax will meet revenue needs only if the raise is granted on a temporary basis—for one year only.

"If the raise is permanent," he said, "it will be necessary to find still further sources of revenue."

Five Million Surplus Possible.

Mr. Fowler said the sales tax would give the District a \$5,130,426 surplus in the fiscal year 1949. If no pay raise is granted, a \$450 raise for all municipal employees, however, would convert this into a \$2,722,146 deficit in 1949.

If the increase is for one year only, a surplus of \$2,623,435 could be produced with the sales tax in 1950, the budget officer said. But if the increase were permanent, he added, another deficit would materialize that year.

Chairman Cain of the Senate District Fiscal Subcommittee thanked Mr. Fowler for his realistic, if distressing.

Edward A. Dent, the District assessor, also testified briefly during this morning's session.

When Gen. McCoach finished his statement, Chairman Cain said in favor of the idea that a sales tax bill is passed it should include provision for repeal of the local income tax law.

Tax on Gross Receipts Urged.

Several times during the hearing, Chairman Bates of the House wing of the joint committee said he thought a 2 per cent tax on the gross monthly receipts of merchants would be easier to administer than a separate tax on each individual sale. He said this was the system in 22 out of 27 communities which used the sales tax.

Jo V. Morgan, chairman of the trade board's sales tax subcommittee, followed Gen. McCoach on this point. The disadvantages of the gross receipts tax, he said, "is that it does not exempt exemption; that people forget they are paying it, and that in stores making a large number of small sales, the merchant makes considerable profit on the tax."

Senator Cain warned at the outset that District was facing a deficit of about \$5,500,000 in the year beginning July 1 and that because of the prospect of a

(See TAXES, Page A-6.)

Gen. Hodge Demands Parley With Russians

By the Associated Press

SEOUL, Korea, May 12.—Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, plainly irritated by nuisance threats, today demanded a quick conference with the Soviets' North Korea commander to settle a dispute over electric power.

"I demand that you reply to my proposals for a conference in Pyongyang in the immediate future," the American occupation commander in South Korea wrote to Russian Lt. Gen. G. P. Korotkov.

Gen. Hodge was replying to the latest in a series of broadcasts from the Russian-dominated North Korea People's Committee radio. It asked immediate payment for electric power supplied to South Korea. North Korea produces most of the nation's electric power.

The new demand was made as South Korea was rapidly approaching a self-rule election—in defiance of North Korean Communist threats to violently disrupt the balloting. It threatened to cut off South Korea's power Friday.

Gen. Hodge reiterated that Russia had been paid for its assistance under the Soviet's insistence on remuneration only in heavy machinery and equipment instead of in American dollars.

Four Subs Reach Turkey For Transfer May 23

By the Associated Press

IZMIR, Turkey, May 12.—United States Navy crewmen brought four American submarines into Izmir harbor yesterday to be turned over to the Turkish Navy.

Truman to Meet Press

President Truman will hold his weekly news conference at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.